

House Bill No. 5558

Public Act No. 06-29

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF GAS PRICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 16a-15 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (a) Each person shall publicly display and maintain on each pump or other dispensing device from which any gasoline or other product intended as a fuel for aircraft, motor boats or motor vehicles is sold by such person, such signs as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform the public of the octane rating and price of such gasoline or other product. Each person selling such gasoline or other product on both a full-serve and self-serve basis and displaying the price of such gasoline or other product at a location on the premises other than at a pump or other dispensing device shall include in such display both the full-serve and self-serve prices of such gasoline or other product, in such manner as the commissioner, by regulation, may require. All signs as to price shall be the per-gallon price and shall not be the price of less or more than one gallon.
 - (b) Each person shall publicly display and maintain on each pump

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or other dispensing device from which any gasoline or other product containing more than one per cent by volume of ethanol, methanol or any other cosolvent, and intended as a fuel for aircraft, motor boats or motor vehicles is sold by such person, such signs as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform the public of the amount of methanol, ethanol or any other cosolvent contained in such gasoline or other product.

[(c) (1) During the period commencing on May 27, 1998, and ending on October 1, 1998, each person who sells at retail any gasoline or other product intended for use in the propelling of motor vehicles using combustion type engines shall prominently display at any location on the premises at which such gasoline or other product is sold, and may maintain on each pump or other dispensing device from which such gasoline or other product is dispensed, a notice informing the public of the requirements of subsection (c) of section 14-332a. The notice required by this subsection shall be in such form as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may require by emergency regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54 and shall include: (A) The statement "The General Assembly and the Governor have reduced the state motor vehicle fuels tax by (insert amount) cents effective (insert date)"; and (B) the number of the toll-free telephone line established in the Department of Consumer Protection for the handling of consumer inquiries and complaints that may be used to report any violation of subsection (c) of section 14-332a.]

[(2)] (c) Each person shall publicly display and maintain, in a like manner, size and print, on each sign on display to the general public intended to inform the public of the price of gasoline and each pump or other dispensing device from which any gasoline intended as a fuel for motor vehicles is sold by such person, such signs as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform the public of the price

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for such gasoline for such members of the public as any such sign that informs of the price of such gasoline for members of any club, members of any retail membership organization or persons who qualify for any special discount offer.

- (d) Any manufacturer, hauler, blender, agent, jobber, consignment agent, or distributor who distributes gasoline, or other products intended as fuel for aircraft, motor boats, or motor vehicles, which contain one per cent or more alcohol by volume, shall state the percentage of alcohol and the type of alcohol on any invoice, bill of lading, shipping paper, or other documentation used in normal and customary business practices.
- (e) Any person who, by himself, his agent or employee, violates any provision of this section or such regulations shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars.
- (f) A violation of subsection (c) of this section shall constitute an unfair trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b.

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